at the others, but went no farther, and soon after went softly back again; which, as it happened, was very well for him in the end. I observed that the two who swam were yet more than twice as long swimming over the creek than the fellow was that fled from them.

It came now very warmly upon my thoughts, and indeed irresistibly, that now was my time to get a servant, and perhaps a companion or assistant, and that *I* was called plainly by Providence to save this poor creature's life. I ran down the hill and fetched my two guns; then returning, I cut across and placed myself between the pursuers and the pursued, hallooing aloud to him that fled, who was at first perhaps as much frighted at me as at them. I advanced upon the two that followed, and rushing upon the foremost, I knocked him down with the end of my gun. I was loath to fire, because I would not have the rest hear, though at that distance it would not have been easily heard—and being out of

sight of the smoke too, they would not have easily known what to make of it.

Having knocked this fellow down, the other who pursued him stopped, as if he had been frighted, and I advanced apace to-